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Title: CUSTOM MANUFACTURE OF TILES FOR USE WITH PREEXISTING  
MASS-MANUFACTURED TILES

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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- My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
- I believe that I am, in conjunction with any joint inventor(s) named herein, the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **CUSTOM MANUFACTURE OF TILES FOR USE WITH PREEXISTING MASS-MANUFACTURED TILES**, the patent application for which is attached hereto.
- I reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the specification and claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.
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- Benefit is claimed under Title 35, U.S. Code §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the U.S., listed below. (Note: This information should also be listed at the outset of the application and is provided here as a convenience.)

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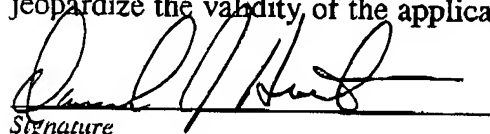
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